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**A. Statement of Planning Objectives**

The project will develop a signing plan and a maintenance plan for the new system of OHV trails which will result from the Travel Management Plan on the Plumas National Forest. This will include approximately 360 miles open to all 4x4 vehicles, 42 miles open to vehicles 50 inches or less, and 65 miles of single-track trails open only to motorcycles.

**B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation**

The project relates to, enhances and sustains OHV recreation and opportunity by devising a plan for long-term maintenance of all designated and approved OHV trails throughout the Plumas National Forest. A long-term maintenance plan, through mitigating problem areas before any potential damage becomes egregious, will ensure OHV opportunities continue unabated into the future.

Proper signing will ensure users are on approved and designated trails, and on trails that are specifically designated for the specific type or size of OHV being used.

**C. Statement of Activities**

The activities to be undertaken will be to task one or two GS-07 employees with devising a maintenance plan for all the trails designated as OHV trails on the Plumas National Forest based on a rotating schedule of soil monitoring and maintenance. Monitoring will be based upon levels of usage, and maintenance based upon need. Trails in need of immediate mitigation measures based upon the findings in the Plumas National Forest's Travel Management DEIS will also be prioritized by use levels.

Furthermore, a sign plan will be developed to devise the best method of signing the trails and maintaining the signing for the long-term. The sign plan will include distinguishing between trails for all vehicles, trails for 50 inches or less, and single-track motorcycle trails. The signing will further distinguish between skill levels or levels of difficulty (e.g., beginner, intermediate, advanced).

**D. List of Reports**

Maintenance Plan for designated OHV Trails on the Plumas National Forest. The plan will involve Arc GIS map layers and INFRA database of trails, trail types, maintenance priorities, soil monitoring, schedules of rotation for routine maintenance, etc.

Sign Plan for the designated OHV Trails on the Plumas National Forest. The sign plan will also be input on Arc GIS map layers and INFRA database

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**1. Timeline for Completion**

Attachments:

[Timeline](#)

**2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

**3. Optional Project-specific Maps**

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
Agency: USFS - Plumas National Forest  
Application: Planning

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	USFS - Plumas National Forest		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Planning	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	The project will develop a signing plan and a maintenance plan for the new system of OHV trails which will result from the Travel Management Plan on the Plumas National Forest. This will include approximately 360 miles open to all 4x4 vehicles, 42 miles open to vehicles 50 inches or less, and 65 miles of single-track trails open only to motorcycles.		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff</b>						
	Other-GS-7	130.000	280.000	DAY	20,000.00	16,400.00	36,400.00
	Other-GS-11 GIS	15.000	350.000	DAY	5,250.00	0.00	5,250.00
	Other-GS-7	190.000	280.000	DAY	20,000.00	33,200.00	53,200.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				45,250.00	49,600.00	94,850.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Field Vehicle	1.000	238.000	MOS	0.00	238.00	238.00
	Other-Fuel	1.000	1428.000	MISC	0.00	1,428.00	1,428.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>				0.00	1,666.00	1,666.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
7	Administrative Costs						
Total Program Expenses					45,250.00	51,266.00	96,516.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					45,250.00	51,266.00	96,516.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					45,250.00	51,266.00	96,516.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	45,250.00	49,600.00	94,850.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	1,666.00	1,666.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		45,250.00	51,266.00	96,516.00	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		45,250.00	51,266.00	96,516.00	
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9  
This project is to develop a signing plan and a maintenance plan for the new OHV trail system.

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

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**1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)**

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points) ☒ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☐ 26% - 50% (3 points) ☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

**2. Planning Project - Q 2.**

**A Planning Project - Page 1**

2. The Planning Project would address the following 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats  
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources  
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions  
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality  
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses  
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.  
☒ Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents  
☐ Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation  
☒ Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

**B. Planning Project - Page 2**

Explain each statement that was checked

The maintenance plan resulting from this planning project will directly address effects upon soil conditions through scheduled soil monitoring of trails, and follow up maintenance to mitigate problems. Will directly address potential effects on water quality through addressing any problems with runoff and stream crossings.

The signing plan will result in clearly identifying trails designated for OHV use and type of OHV, and if the trail is mixed use, resulting in less user conflicts. The maintenance plan will result in better quality trails with less potential to have negative effects on other types of recreation; particularly on mixed use trails such as trails also open to equestrian traffic, mountain bikes, and hikers. By thoroughly and properly signing designated OHV trails potential conflicts with local residents will be reduced by directing OHV traffic on to the proper trails and away from private lands and areas not designated for OHV use. Properly maintained OHV trails which will show local residents t

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 6 or more items checked (4 points) ☐ 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)  
☐ 2 to 3 items checked (2 points) ☐ 1 or no items checked (No points)

**3. Motorized Access - Q 3.**

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Camping ☐ Birding  
☒ Hiking ☒ Equestrian trails  
☒ Fishing ☐ Rock Climbing  
☐ Other (Specify)

**4. Public Input - Q 4.**

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)  
☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)  
☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The Plumas National Forest has held several public meeting with local communities and stakeholders during the process of travel management. These meeting are ongoing to obtain the possible designation of trails. There have been conference calls with stakeholder groups during the travel management process.

**5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.**

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

All stakeholders will be invited to comment on the proposed plan.

**6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.**

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)  
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

La Porte Snowmobile Club, Bucks Lake Snowdrifters, Lakes Basin Snowbusters, Ophir Gophers, Sierra Treasure Hunters, High Sierra ATV Tours, Paradise Ridge Riders, Feather River Rock Crawlers, and Sierra Access Coalition.

**7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.**

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)  
☐ Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)  
☐ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)  
☐ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)  
☐ Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

By providing better signing and maintenance. Maintenance and soil monitoring will be more efficient by rotating schedules.

**8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.**

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 5



(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Currently the Plumas NF has Recreation Techs on each district and part of their job responsibilities include signing and maintaining the Forests motorized and non motorized trail system. The Plumas road crew also helps to maintain the forest system roads that are also a part of the designated routes.

Reference Document

Plumas National Forest Organization chart

**9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.**

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Since the maintenance and signing plans will address all designated OHV trails across the Plumas National Forest the plans will directly affect impacts offsite. Proper and thorough signing will keep OHV traffic in designated areas, thereby reducing offsite impacts. Proper trail maintenance will address any runoff problems, thereby protecting soil and watershed offsite.